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and enlarged by Clarence F. Birdseye, of the New York Bar. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Company. 1899. pp. 1061.

Since Abbott's "*Clerk's and Conveyancer's Assistant*" was published in 1866, many of its forms have become obsolete through change of business conditions and methods, judicial decisions, or legislation. Lawyers will consequently welcome this second edition, revised and enlarged by Mr. Birdseye, who has omitted obsolete forms and those which arise under codes of procedure and which properly belong to works on pleading and practice. He has also omitted forms relating to the formation and government of corporations, which are governed by specific statutes in the various States and cannot be covered by a general book of forms; and has added forms of corporate mortgages and traffic, underwriting, reorganization and similar agreements, which are now so large a part of ordinary practice.

This book, like the other works of the late Messrs. Abbott, is not, and does not purport to be, a scientific treatise, but is an instrument or tool to aid the busy lawyer in the drawing of papers. If treated as such, and used with a knowledge of the decisions and statutes covering the particular state of facts, it will be of very great assistance. A word of caution against blindly following a form would be out of place if careless lawyers did not sometimes sacrifice the substance of the particular needs of their clients to the form in the book, by inserting in documents provisions which have nothing to do with, or are contrary to, such needs.

The publisher's work is well done, and the full index will be of great service.

A BRIEF FOR THE TRIAL OF CIVIL ISSUES BEFORE A JURY. By Austin Abbott. Second and Enlarged Edition by the Publishers' Editorial Staff. Rochester, N. Y.: The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company. 1900. pp. xiii, 603.

The first edition of this useful work for the trial lawyer came out in 1885, and this second and enlarged edition will be heartily welcomed on account of the development in trial practice since then. The work does not deal with the science, but with the practical mechanics of a lawsuit. But the lawyer cannot, in justice to his client, disregard this side of the practice of his profession. Everyone who has followed the history of lawsuits knows that often, even under our modern practice, a good cause is jeopardized or lost because the right motion or objection was not made at the right time and in the right way. The original edition was chiefly for the New York lawyer, and he may at first find the greater size of the second edition inconvenient, but he will be more than compensated by the references to the decisions of other jurisdictions, which throw light on undecided, doubtful or disputed questions. Comparatively few changes have been made in the arrangement or in the text of the first edition, but other and important subjects have been added, such as the examination of witnesses, the impeachment and corroboration of witnesses, the absence of the judge and

his improper conduct, and the verdict and its incidents. In addition, the treatment of the subject of exceptions has been greatly enlarged. This new work has been carefully done. The utility of the work is enhanced by its convenient arrangement and clear, attractive typography.

Reviews to follow:

THE POLICE POWER OF THE STATE AND DECISIONS THEREON AS ILLUSTRATING THE DEVELOPMENT AND VALUE OF CASE LAW. By Alfred Russell, of the Detroit Bar. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1900. pp. xvii, 204.

PROBATE REPORTS ANNOTATED. Vol. IV. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1900. pp. xxxiii, 767.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF ESTOPPEL BY MISREPRESENTATION. By John S. Ewart, Esq. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1900. pp. xlvii, 548.

A SELECTION OF CASES ON THE LAW OF INSURANCE. Edwin H. Woodruff. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Company. 1900. pp. xiii, 591.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. By Francis Newton Thorpe. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1901. pp. Vol. I, xxi, 595; Vol. II, xix, 685; Vol. III, xvi, 718.

A SELECTION OF CASES AND STATUTES ON THE PRINCIPLES OF CODE PLEADING, with notes. By Charles M. Hepburn, of the Cincinnati Bar. Cincinnati: W. H. Anderson & Co. 1901. pp. xxxvi, 651.

A TREATISE ON CANADIAN COMPANY LAW. By W. J. White, Q. C., assisted by J. A. Ewing, B. C. L. Montreal: C. Theoret. 1901. pp. xxiii, 708.

DIGEST OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. Being a synopsis of the Code. By Charles W. Disbrow, of the New York Bar. Albany: Matthew Bender. 1901. pp. 151.

FALSTAFF AND EQUITY: An interpretation. By Charles E. Phelps. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1901. pp. xvi, 201.

A COMPILATION OF THE BAR EXAMINATION QUESTIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SINCE 1896, WITH ANSWERS, REFERENCES AND NOTES. Edited by Wilson B. Brice. Albany: Matthew Bender. 1901. pp. 229.

A TREATISE ON THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES GUARANTEED BY THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. By Henry Brannon, Judge of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. Cincinnati: W. H. Anderson & Co., 1901. pp. vi, 562.